

PENDING CLAIMS

1.     **(Original)** A DNA encoding a plant protein that has a binding activity to a chitin oligosaccharide elicitor, wherein the DNA is any one of (a) to (d):
  - (a)     a DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3;
  - (b)     a DNA that hybridizes with a DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3;
  - (c)     a DNA encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4; and
  - (d)     a DNA encoding a protein comprising an amino acid sequence with a substitution, deletion, addition, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID: NO: 2 or 4.
2.     **(Original)** The DNA of claim 1, wherein the plant is rice.
3.     **(Withdrawn)** A protein encoded by the DNA of claim 1.
4.     **(Previously Presented)** A vector comprising the DNA of claim 1.
5.     **(Previously Presented)** A transformed plant cell that carries the DNA of claim 1.
6.     **(Original)** A plant transformant comprising the transformed plant cell of claim 5.
7.     **(Original)** The plant transformant of claim 6, which is derived from rice.
8.     **(Previously Presented)** A plant transformant that is a progeny or a clone of the plant transformant of claim 6.
9.     **(Previously Presented)** A breeding material of the plant transformant of claim 6.
10.    **(Previously Presented)** A method for producing the plant transformant, wherein the

method comprises the steps of introducing the DNA of claim 1 into a plant cell, and regenerating a plant from the plant cell.

11. **(Withdrawn)** A pharmaceutical agent used to control a plant disease, wherein the agent comprises the DNA of claim 1.

12. **(Withdrawn)** The pharmaceutical agent of claim 11, wherein the plant is rice.

13. **(Withdrawn)** The pharmaceutical agent of claim 12, wherein the disease is blast.

14. **(Original)** A method for controlling a plant disease, wherein the method comprises the step of expressing the protein of claim 3 in a cell of a plant.

15. **(Original)** The method of claim 14, wherein the plant is rice.

16. **(Original)** The method of claim 15, wherein the disease is blast.